

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 54-57 are cancelled.

Claims 51 and 52 are allowed.

Claims 53 and 58-63 are pending.

Response

In the Advisory Action of April 23, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 54-57 for reinstating previously cancelled subject matter. Applicants have cancelled these claims thereby obviating this rejection.

The Examiner also maintained that claims 53 and 58-63 were not in condition for allowance and that Applicants' amendments of April 11, 2007 raised new issues for reconsideration.

Following a telephonic interview with the Examiner on May 3, 2007, Applicants and the Examiner reached tentative agreement regarding these issues pending the Examiner's review of a "clean" claim set without the strike-outs and underlining that had created some difficulty in reviewing the prior amendment.

On May 4, 2007, Applicants submitted to the Examiner via facsimile a "clean" format claim set that cancelled claims 54-57 and re-presented claims 51-53 and 58-63.

In a telephonic conference of May 10, 2007, the Examiner indicated that following her further analysis of the "clean" claim set submitted by facsimile on May 4, 2007, she had concluded that pending claims 53, and 58-63 also were in condition for allowance (claims 51-52 were previously allowed). The Examiner further extended an invitation to submit the facsimile claim set of May 4, 2007 in a formal amendment after final. Thus, Applicants' submit the instant response in acceptance of that invitation.

CONCLUSION

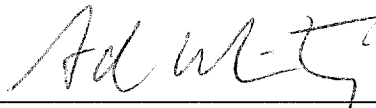
Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for taking time for an interview and careful consideration the claims and specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned at (650) 798-3524.

Respectfully submitted,

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